

An act to add Section 4799.05 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resources.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 4799.05 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

4799.05. (a) The director may provide grants to, and enter into contracts or other cooperative agreements with, entities, including, but not limited to, private or nongovernmental entities, Native American tribes, or state, local, and federal agencies, for programs and their administration to improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gases.

(b) If a forest health and greenhouse gas reduction program is funded with moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, created pursuant to Section 16428.8 of the Government Code, all statutory and program requirements specific to the fund shall be followed.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_.

General Subject: Forest resources: grants: forest health programs.

Existing law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to work cooperatively with other public agencies to encourage those agencies to undertake forest resource improvement work, as defined, and authorizes the director to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with those agencies to provide technical assistance and other services and equipment to accomplish purposes relating to forest resources improvement. Existing law creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, as a special fund in the State Treasury, and requires that all moneys, except fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from the auction or sale of allowances, as part of a market-based compliance mechanism pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, be deposited in the fund and available for appropriation by the Legislature for purposes related to greenhouse gas reduction.

This bill would authorize the director to provide grants and enter into contracts or other cooperative agreements for programs and their administration to improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would require that, if a forest health and greenhouse gas reduction program is funded with moneys from the fund, all statutory and program requirements specific to the fund be followed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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